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TAGS: PEPR PLOS GR TU ICJ
SUBJECT: AEGEAN DISPUTE: ICJ RECEIVES TURKISH LETTER

REF: 77 THE HAGUE 3622 (NOTAL)

1. PRESS REPORTS THAT TURKISH EMBASSY IN THE HAGUE SENT A LETTER TO THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE APRIL 24, ASSERTING THAT THE COURT HAS NO JURISDICTION IN THE AEGEAN DISPUTE AND AND SETTING OUT TURKISH VIEW THAT AEGEAN DISPUTE SHOULD BE SETTLED BY NEGOTIATION. LETTER WENT ON TO SAY THAT FRANK AND MEANINGFUL NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN ANKARA AND ATHENS WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE UNTIL GREECE WITHDREW ITS APPLICATION TO THE COURT. TURKISH LETTER ALSO REFERRED TO UNSC RECOMMENDATION THAT GOVERNMENTS SHOULD SOLVE THEIR DIFFERENCES BY NEGOTIATION.

2. APRIL 24 WAS DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TURKISH COUNTER-MEMORIAL (REFTEL). ICJ COMMUNIQUE ISSUED APRIL 26 SAID THAT GREECE WOULD PRESENT ITS ORAL ARGUMENTS SUPPORTING ITS CLAIM
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OF ICJ JURISDICTION ON OCTOBER 4, 1978.

3. TEXT OF ICJ COMMUNIQUE FOLLOWS:
BEGIN TEXT: THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE, ACCEDING TO A REQUEST BY THE GOVERNMENT OF GREECE, HAS FIXED 4 OCTOBER 1978 AS THE DATE FOR THE OPENING OF HEARINGS ON THE QUESTION OF THE COURT'S JURISDICTION IN THE PROCEEDINGS CONCERNING THE AEGEAN

SEA CONTINENTAL SHELF INSTITUTED BY GREECE AGAINST TURKEY ON
10 AUGUST 1976.

IT MYA BE RECALLED THAT, AN ORDER OF 11 SEPTEMBER 1976,
THE COURT HAD DECIDED THAT THE WRITTEN PLEADINGS IN THE CASE
SHOULD FIRST BE ADDRESSED TO THE QUESTION OF ITS JURISDICTION.
BY AN ORDER OF 14 OCTOBER 1976 IT HAD FIXED TIME-LIMITS FOR THE
FILING OF THESE PLEADINGS. THE ORIGINAL TIME-LIMITS WERE
EXTENDED AT THE REQUEST OF THE GREEK GOVERNMENT BY AN ORDER OF
18 APRIL 1977 HAVING REGARD TO NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO
STATES. THE GOVERNMENT OF GREECE FILED ITS MEMORIAL WITHIN THE
EXTENDED PERIOD. THE GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY DID NOT FILE A
COUNTER-MEMORIAL WITHIN THE TIME-LIMIT FIXED FOR THE PURPOSE,
WHICH EXPIRED ON 24 APRIL 1978, BUT ON THAT DATE THE REGISTRAR
OF THE COURT RECEIVED A LETTER IN WHICH THE GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY,
BELIEVING THE COURT TO BE WITHOUT JURISDICTION, INFORMED THE
COURT THAT IT DID NOT INTEND TO APPOINT AN AGENT OR SUBMIT A
COUNTER-MEMORIAL.
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